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To Whom It May Concern:

Please find enclosed for your review and comment the Final Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for designation of an Ocean Dredged Material Disposal Site (ODMDS) offshore Jacksonville, Florida. This document is being circulated to agencies and the public for a 30-day comment period.

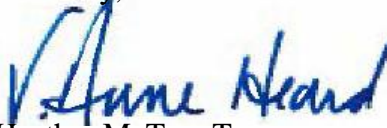
The FEIS was prepared by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Region 4, in cooperation with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Jacksonville District. The FEIS provides the information necessary to evaluate the need for and alternatives to the designation of a new ODMDS or expansion of the existing Jacksonville ODMDS pursuant to Section 102 of the Marine Protection, Research and Sanctuaries Act (MPRSA) of 1972, as amended. The FEIS identifies the preferred alternative as the expansion of the existing Jacksonville ODMDS. The purpose of the expanded ODMDS is to accommodate disposal of dredged material generated over the next 50 years from the Jacksonville Harbor Navigation Project, Naval Station Mayport, and the authorized Jacksonville Harbor Deepening Project. All dredged material must meet the environmental criteria established in EPA's Ocean Dumping Regulations. The FEIS contains a draft Site Management and Monitoring Plan (SMMP) (Appendix F). In addition, the FEIS contains a Biological Assessment (Appendix C) in accordance with Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act and an Essential Fish Habitat Assessment (Appendix D), in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act.

Comments on the FEIS (including the draft SMMP) must be received by EPA at the address below by November 17, 2014 or 30 days after publication of the Notice of Availability in the Federal Register.

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Sincerely,

  
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Enclosure